



SPANISH

Lesson Summary

UNIT 4

Situations

Lesson

11

Getting Someone to Act

INTRODUCTION

At some time you will want to have other do or refrain from doing something. In this lesson you will learn several techniques for getting others to act.

OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- a) Give commands
- b) Ask someone for assistance
- c) Tell someone what ought not to be done
- d) Use the Present Subjunctive more accurately



GETTING STARTED

First you will look at various ways of giving a command.

- 1. Use of the command form: habla/ hable- no hable/no hables
 come/coma, no coma/no comes
 permite/permita no permita/ no permitas
- 2. use of the infinitive: pisar, no pisar
 mantener, no mantener
 consumer, no consumer
- 3. use of *querer* and the infinitive: Quieres ir a tu clase por favour
 Quieren callarse por favor



ACTIVITY 1

You will be given some infinite commands by your tutor. You will change these into the true command form and into *querer* commands. Your tutor will ensure that you practice both tu and usted forms.

Example taken from the topic:

En Casa

Preparar la cena- prepara la cena – no prepares la cena

En La Escuela

Abrir los cuadernos- abre los cuadernos- no abras los cuadernos

ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE

The verb *querer* as well as *poder* is used in asking for assistance so you will be given some examples and set to work.

Quieres ayudarme con la cena por favor *or* Quiere usted salir al zoológico con los estudiantes por favor
Puedes poner la mesa por favor *or* puede usted coger mis papeles por favor

Yet another way to ask for assistance is to express your desire – using *querer, desear*.

These verbs of wishing or wanting are followed by the subjunctive. You will practice following the examples.

Quiero que me envíes tu libro de español por favor *or* quiero que me dé el formulario por favor

You may also use the verb *ayudar* in the command form *or* *favor de* and the infinitive

ayúdame con mis deberes por favor *or* ayúdeme a encontrar un par de botas negras por favor
favor de limpiar la cocina Elena *or* favor de reservarme una habitación doble con aire acondicionado.



ACTIVITY 2

You will be given the command form and you will be required to change the command into a request.

Ejemplo:

Cambia el dinero al banco- quieres cambiar el dinero al banco por favor, puedes cambiar el dinero al banco, quiero que cambies el dinero al banco, favor de cambiar el dinero al banco *or* ayúdame a cambiar ese dinero al banco por favor.

TELLING SOMEONE WHAT OUGHT NOT TO BE DONE

This can be done by simply saying not to do it – **no escribir en la pared**

There is, however, a standard way of warning against undesirable or illegal activity

You will practice using the warning words before going on to some situations.

Es prohibido

Es defendido

Se prohíbe

Prohibido

Situation 1 – There is a sign in the school library that forbids eating. Write that sign.

Answer – **Es prohibido comer en la biblioteca.**



ASSESSMENT

The tutor will present five directed and five oral situations

CONCLUSION

You now know exactly how to get someone to act or refrain from doing something. Bravo! Use the command and the requests for action as well as the warning words in your everyday Spanish.

!Adelante a lección cinco!